

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 146, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS—SUNGMIN CHO

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sungmin Cho from Katy, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

Sungmin is one of eight high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, a program for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school and supported to continually strive toward their aspirations of working in the medical field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 25th through the 27th. Sungmin was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress because of his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing a medical science. We are proud of Sungmin and all of his hard work, and know he will make Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sungmin for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Keep up the great work.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the importance of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the critical work they do to save lives and provide support for victims of domestic violence.

For nearly 20 years, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has been operating as a 24/7 lifeline for victims and survivors of domestic violence nationwide.

In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act authorized the creation of the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

On August 17, 1995 the Texas Council on Family Violence received a \$1 million federal grant that established The Hotline.

On February 21, 1996 the Hotline took its first call.

The Hotline's approximately 130 dedicated advocates receive almost 35,000 monthly contacts and have managed this high contact volume while ensuring quality services.

Marketed to millions through public outreach, the Hotline has assembled a comprehensive database with thousands of referral resources, influenced policies and practices in victim services.

The Hotline helps survivors see options for next steps and connects them to immediate sources of practical help.

In 2007, the Hotline partnered with Liz Claiborne Inc. to launch the "loveisrespect" which is a program aimed to mobilize parents, educators, peers, and victims to raise awareness about healthy dating behaviors and unhealthy and abuse patterns in relationships.

In addition to the availability of 24/7 phone, chat, and SMS text helplines designed to meet the specific needs of young adults, "loveisrespect" works to grow the next generation of anti-violence advocates.

Nationwide nearly 3 in 10 women and 1 in 10 men in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by a partner and report a related impact on their functioning.

In 2014, in Texas alone 132 women were killed as a result of domestic violence, along with 185,817 reports of family violence incidents, while there were 185,373 hotline calls answered.

As the ranking member on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I know the importance of protecting victims of crime and providing the vital support they need.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here as Mother, Wife, and Member of Congress to acknowledge the important work of those who staff the National Domestic Violence Hotline, they provide a comfort to those Americans who are in abusive relationships.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I am unavoidably absent for today's consideration of the No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act (H.R. 2666) as I am speaking at the funeral for Ms. Fannie Fitzgerald, a Civil Rights pioneer who helped integrate the Prince William County Public Schools in my district in the early 1960s. She was a courageous and inspiring woman, and I was proud to feature her first-hand recounting of that experience the Northern Virginia Civil Rights Archive project, which my office produced to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

On the Yarmuth/Lujan/Pallone/Clarke Amendment, I would have voted "yes," in support of preserving the FCC's authority to require broadcasters provide their public inspection files in an online, searchable format for public review. I also would have voted "yes" on the McNerney Amendment to preserve the Commission's authority to act in the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Finally, I

would have voted "no" on final passage as the scope of this bill extends far beyond its simple-sounding title.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLES SKIPPER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles Skipper for his 30 years of dedication and hard work for Glynn County Schools.

One of his most passionate endeavors, Mr. Skipper coached the Brunswick High School baseball team for 28 years, 5 of them as head coach. Brunswick High Baseball won 314 games during the time he was on the coaching staff for a win percentage of 60 percent. In total, Coach Skipper coached Brunswick High School in 12 playoff appearances, including sub-region championships in 2004 and 2007. He was named to be a coach on the Georgia Dugout Club All-State team in 2007 and 2011 and has received the Quarter Century Award for service to the game of baseball by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

In the course of 30 years, Coach Skipper's dedication to the Glynn County School system also included coaching football and teaching Physical Education as well as health and fitness courses.

After many years of impacting young lives, Coach Skipper is retiring. I rise today to thank him for his work with the Glynn County school system, thank him for the lives that he shaped, and to congratulate him on his coaching successes.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS—HAYLEY WISNIESKI

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hayley Wisnieski from Richmond, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

Hayley attends William B. Travis High School and is one of eight high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, a program for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school and supported to continually strive toward their aspirations of working in the medical field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 25th through the 27th. Hayley was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress because of her dedication to her academic success and goals of pursuing a

medical science. We are proud of Hayley and all of her hard work, and know she will make Richmond proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Hayley for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM BOWERS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in recognition of Tom Bowers, Commonwealth Attorney for Salem, Virginia, who today in a formal awards ceremony at Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters is receiving the Richmond FBI's 2015 Director's Community Leadership Award for his efforts to organize a Heroin Prevention Initiative in the Roanoke, Virginia area.

According to the Washington Post, in the first three quarters of last year, 244 people in Virginia died of heroin overdoses. This is an increase from 239 deaths the year prior. More locally, in a study by the Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition of middle and high school students, one in 14 students admitted to using heroin.

Regrettably, the growing epidemic of heroin use is a plague on communities throughout the United States. Addressing this nationwide problem will require expanded coordination and involvement by local, state, and federal governments as well as law enforcement agencies and health care professionals.

I applaud Commonwealth Attorney Bowers and those working with him on the Heroin Prevention Initiative for their efforts to combat the heroin epidemic by bringing awareness to the pervasiveness of prescription drug and heroin use among youth in the Roanoke area and helping to alleviate damage to our community. Others involved in this initiative include the Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition, the Prevention Council of Roanoke County, the Virginia State Police, the City of Roanoke Police Department, the Vinton Police Department, and the Roanoke County Police Department.

Congratulations to Commonwealth Attorney Bowers on being presented the Richmond FBI's 2015 Director's Community Leadership Award. I commend him and others on the front line of the ongoing fight against heroin and prescription drug abuse in our community.

TRIBUTE TO CORY SCOTT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cory Scott for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the

Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

Cory serves as a Partner and Urban Planner at RDG Planning and Design in their Des Moines location. He has committed himself to providing his clients with expert planning and urban development advice for cities all across the Midwest. Cory's passion for enacting change within communities is truly inspiring. His commitment to his professional life is paralleled by his commitment to his community. Cory is a supporter of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, working to create an environment where bicycle and pedestrian transportation is always part of the discussion in urban development.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Cory in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Cory on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANE BAILEY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Bailey for her twenty nine years of service and advocacy with the Michigan Association of Justice (MAJ) and her lifetime of commitment to civil rights, equality and fairness.

A native of Adrian, Michigan, Jane attended Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in Mathematics and General Business. After her undergraduate studies, Jane went to law school at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where she graduated in 1977 and subsequently passed the bar. Later on in her academic career, Jane pursued Doctoral studies in Marketing at Michigan State University and continued on her path of learning.

After spending two years as a practicing attorney in Chicago, Jane began a career as an educator. She worked as a teacher and instructor for nearly a decade, first at Augustana College in Illinois, and later at the Florida Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, and the General Motors Institute. In addition to her teaching career, Jane spent time in the private sector in marketing, and in 1987 began her distinguished career at the MAJ in Lansing. She immediately had a powerful impact developing coalitions throughout the state of Michigan and building the membership of the MAJ. In 1988, Jane was asked to serve as the Legislative Counsel, where she began to develop deeper and more meaningful relationships with legislators and worked to closely

track legislation in Lansing. As a testament to her impact, in 1990, Jane was named as the Executive Director of the MAJ, a position she has served in for the past twenty seven years.

As the Executive Director of the MAJ, Jane provided the leadership and vision necessary to grow the organization into one of the top advocacy organizations in Lansing. Her steady leadership has led the organization to be an effective voice for those who need a champion. Jane is responsible for implementing a wide variety of programs, building a large and successful voluntary board and broadening relationships with legislators on both sides of the aisle through active participation from its membership. Jane's leadership was acknowledged in 1996 when she was elected President of the Michigan Association of Bar Executives, and in 2001, when she was elected as the President of the National Association of Trial Lawyer Executives. As a testament to the organization that she worked so hard to build, in 2011, Jane was honored with the MAJ's Champion of Justice award, the highest award that the organization confers.

Jane's work has helped to ensure that all people—individuals, families, patients and consumers—can seek justice in our third branch of government, the courts. She has been a voice for those that are injured and have nowhere else to turn. She has helped to ensure that we fight for and preserve a balanced civil justice system and to advocate for tough laws to hold industries and corporations accountable when they withhold information that can harm or kill. Our environment is cleaner, our medicine is better and our cars are safer because of her leadership of fighting for every person in America to have a path to justice. Jane has also been a voice for consistent public education and research to promote informed public dialogue on, and understanding of and appreciation for, the civil justice system.

In addition to her professional work, Jane has been a staunch supporter and advocate for civil rights, equality, and justice in all of her efforts. She has supported a wide variety of LGBT, environmental, and women's rights organizations. Jane has gone above and beyond in the community helping to establish the Mark Weiss Memorial Scholarship at Wayne State University, which is given to an aspiring law student each year who is committed to practicing law in the public interest. She also worked to start the Heads-Up for Safety event which has been dedicated to giving out bike helmets to children in Lansing, keeping more of our children safe. Jane's contributions both professionally and personally have been commendable, and while I know she is looking to enjoy her retirement, it is my sincere hope that she will continue to share of her time and talents into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Jane Bailey for her service to our community. I thank her for her leadership and wish her many years of happiness in her retirement.

IN HONOR OF JOSHUA MOLINE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps veteran